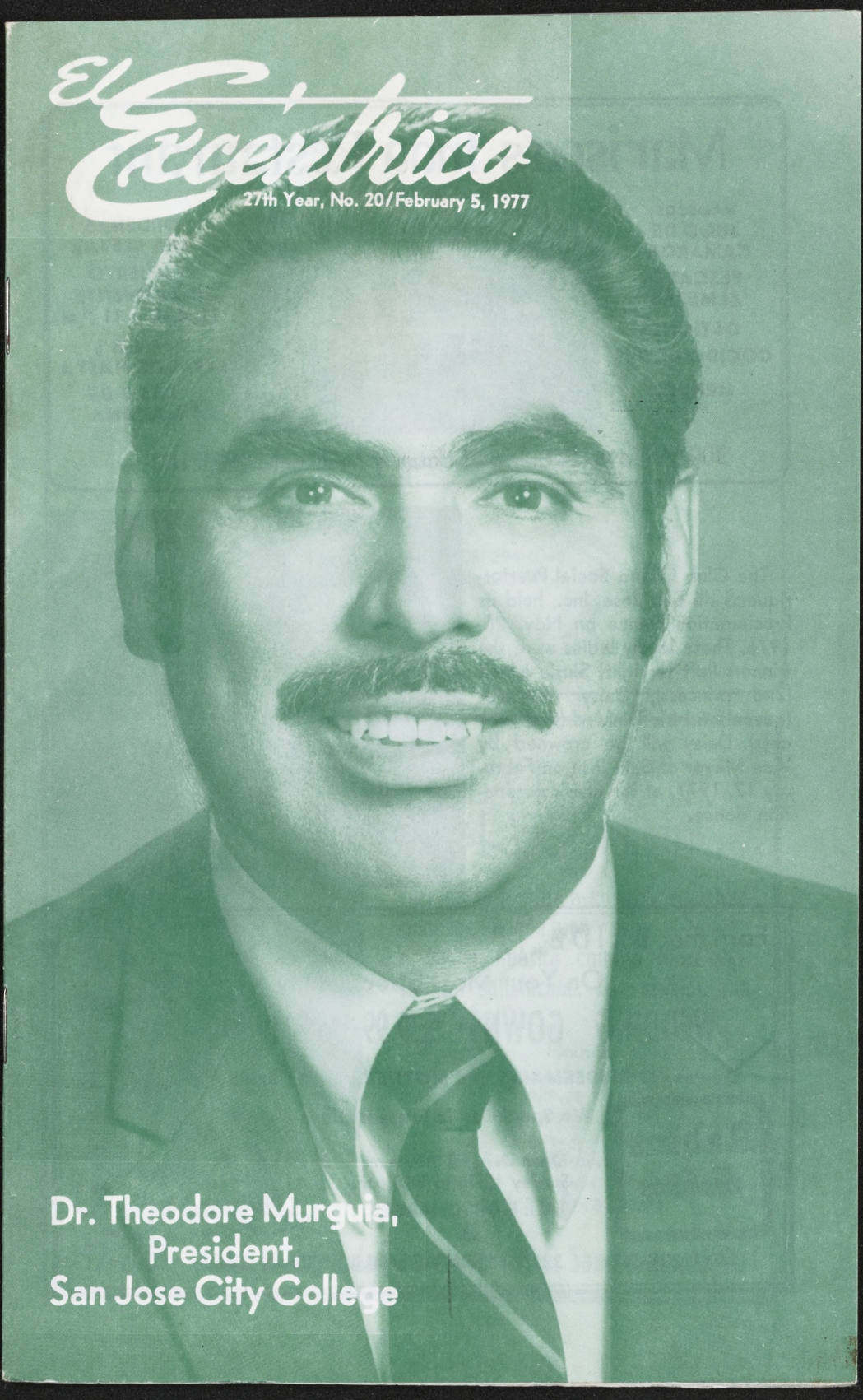
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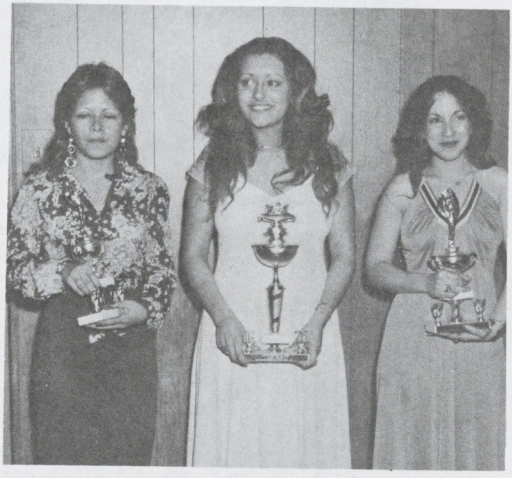
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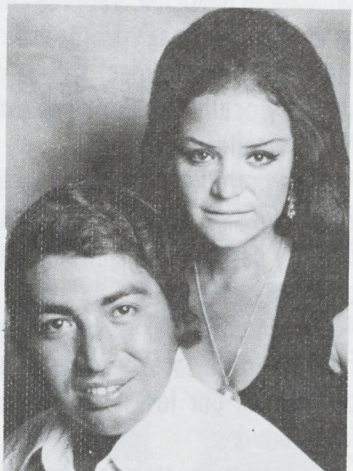
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Un alternativo que ofrece la Ciudad de San José son prestamos con máximo de diez y siete mil cuatro cientos dolarés ($17,400.00). Este prestamo es para reparar casas con interes de tres punto nueve por ciento (3.9%). No existen limites de ingresos para calificar para el prestamo. Más, se le presta dinero al dueño de la casa aunque tenga inquilinos. En otras palabras, no se presta a el rentatario, pero a el dueño sí.

Para que sea el programa más atractivo, y para ayudar a personas de bajos ingresos, la Cuidad, basada en una formula designada for el Gobierno Federal, más el prestamo, también hace una donación con limite de tres mil dólares ($3,000.00). La suma depende en los ingresos de la persona, número de familia, y gastos diarios para comida, electricidad, gas, y los pagos de casa. Además, se otorga una donación de dos cientos dolarés ($200.00) para personas que residen en las areas designadas o suscepibles a inundaciones. También, dependiendo en la suma de reparación, se dona cuatro cientos dolarés ($400.00) para pintar el exterior de la casa (es como reducción de el prestamo). A todas viviendas, donamos un detector de humo, y pagamos por la inspección de termitas (comedores de madera). Todo esto nomás por molestarse el llamar a Rafael R. Jiminez, Palacio Municipal de San Jose, al telefonó 277-4747.

Como todo buen programa existen restricciones. Primeramente, las casas tienen que estar en las areas designadas por el Concilio de la Cuidad. En la area de Northside se incluyen la area rodeada por las calles Jackson, Washington, Trece, y veinte y dos. En la area de Gardner, es la area rodeada por el Sinclair Freeway, el ferrocarril de Southern Pacific, Guadalupe Parkway, y la Avenida Bird. En la area de Olinder las orillas son, East San Antonio, East William, Sur Veinte y cuatro, y Coyote River.

La area de Mayfair es rodeado por King Road, Avenida de Alum Rock, Avenida Jackson (Sur), y la calle Margaret.

En segundo lugar, se requiere revisar el estado de crédito de la persona. Esto es nada más para el prestamo.

Para personas de mayor de edad, se les puede posponer los pagos, sin interes, hasta que se venda la casa. Si cualquier otra persona de bajos ingresos (no mayores de edad) también se les puede permitir no pagar el prestamo hasta que se venda la casa. Cada caso se toma a sus méritos propios.

Para repetir, llamen a Rafael R. Jimenéz, 277-4747, y él mandará un representante para que explique el programa en detalle.

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DR. THEODORE MURGUIA

PRESIDENT, SAN JOSE CITY COLLEGE

by Therese Beaver

"One of the most difficult problems I faced was to re-organize the college" said Dr. Theodore Murguia, president of San Jose City College since July, 1973.

In an interview with EL EXCENTRICO, Murguia explianed that this was a main goal the Board of Trustees expected of him when he was hired.

"I accepted all of the problems the college had as a great challenge. I feel we've overcome some of the organizational problems," Murgruia said, in reference to the merging of many departments into various schools, similar to the structure state college systems use.

"Most of the administration and students voted in favor of the change. It was a big accomplishment," he said.

Murguia said another problem the college faced was fairness of staffing, such as the number of men vs. women and the number of minority vs. majority that were hired.

"I set up an Affirmative Action Policy in order to implement fair hiring procedures," Murguia said.

"There was a 12 per cent drop in enrollment in the Fall of 1972 and it was my job to increase it when I came to San Jose," he said.

First, Murguia said he had to discover the reasons for the decrease. He determined the first reason was that the baby crop from World War II had gone through, thus there was less college age people.

Second, the job market tightened up for college graduates, meaning there was less incentive to attend college, since it no longer could guarantee a well-paying job.

Murguia said he realized he would have to emphasize the advantages to attending college, in particular, San Jose City College.

According to Murguia, enrollment did increase in the Fall of 1973 because of several reasons.

"The veterans got more benefits for attending college and concurrent with that, en economical recession caused an increased interest in vocational classes. They wanted to improve the skills they already had and learn more new ones," Murguia explained.

In response to this new demand, San Jose City College emphasized its Occupational AA degree, which is a non-transferable vocational degree. With this program, students learn a specific skill fast (usually six months to two years), receive a certificate and then are sufficiently trained and ready for a job in such fields as nursing, mechanics and more.

Murguia said the other alternative students have is obtaining a two-year AA which satisfies all the general education requirements needed to transfer to a state college or university.

Murguia also devised a system to inform the public of the educational opportunities at San Jose City College.

"The Educational Outreach Program, which is a traveling van, similar to a counseling room, provides information to the community about college," Murguia said.

The program gives out basic information about how to apply to a college, hands out schedules and counsels individuals about basic classes they need.

Another innovation Murguia started at City College was to distribue class schedules—free. At most colleges, students must pay a small fee for the course outline.

"We also mail them to the surrounding community as a public service," Murguia said.

Although he has helped San Jose City College come a long way in overcoming some of its problems, Murguia said, "We will always have a problem with human relationships."

He explained that it is hard to find a cohesive and motivated staff where everyone is happy.

"That is why I personally interview all the administration before they are hired," Murguia said, "In my office, hiring staff is not viewed as a mere formality."

"Teachers have to be motivated and interested to do a good job teaching," he added.

Murguia said he feels he has an "excellent working relationship with the majority of the staff here at San Jose City College."

"My door is always open to the staff and to the public."

In addition to his concern for his staff and the public, Murguia demonstrates a genuine interest in the students at City College.

"I like to visit classes to keep in touch with the students. Teachers often invite me or I'll just stop by," he said.

"My favorite activity in education is teaching," Murguia revealed. In fact, he has taught several classes on Mexican culture and linquistics while at City College.

"I do try hard to maintain a good relationship with the students here," he added, "and at the same time, I want to be a good, effective adminisrator."

However, Murguia said he operates "more on a human level than an administrative level."

Murguia has two more years on his presidential contract at City College. No matter what happens after that, whether the contract gets renewed or not, he said he wants to stay in education.

"If I could, I would like to go back to full-time teaching. Yet, whatever I do, I have the attitude I am going to retire at that job and therefore I do the best I can," Murguia said.

Murguia cited another problem that needs attention is the underrepresentation of minorities in college.

"City College has only approximately a ten per cent Mexican American population compared to 26 per cent total in our district," he said.

There is only a 16 per cent total minority population at City College, compared to the communities 34 per cent.

"One way to overcome the disadvantages that most minorities have — mainly socio-economic — is through education. We have be to aware of their educational background and parental background down to the lowest level," Murguia explained.

Murguia's own background is concrete evidence of how education can help a minority.

He received a BA from Park College in Mississippi in 1951; an MS from Kansas State University in 1952; an MA from the University of Washington in 1958; a Ph.D. from the same school in 1961 and an honorary doctorate from Park College in 1974.

Murgui's six-page resume lists 16 teaching experiences, from a high school teacher to a Fulbright Lecturer in Spain at the University of Granada.

Under "Scholarly and Professional Work," Murguia lists 23 items, including writing and reading literary papers, leading discussions for various organizations, reviewing books and appearing as a guest and keynote speaker at many functions.

His Administrative experience gave Murguia more than adequate preparation for the presidency at City College. He has acted as a program coordinator, an acting chairman and chairman of San Francisco State University's Foreign Language Department, an Academic Senate member and has served on several committees at the same university.

In between going to school, teaching and administering, Murguia has traveled to the corners of the world, including Mexico, South America, Europe and East Asia.

San Jose City College is fortunate to have such an educated and well-traveled and experienced man. Apparently, they must realize his assets, as Murguia concluded, "I feel I have received a lot of support from people here."

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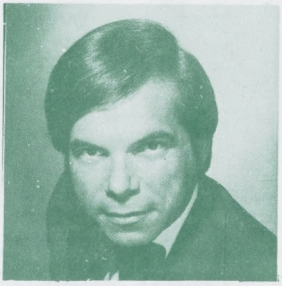
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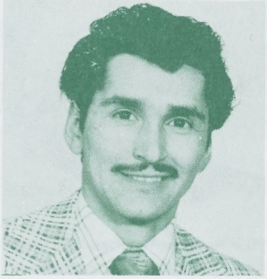
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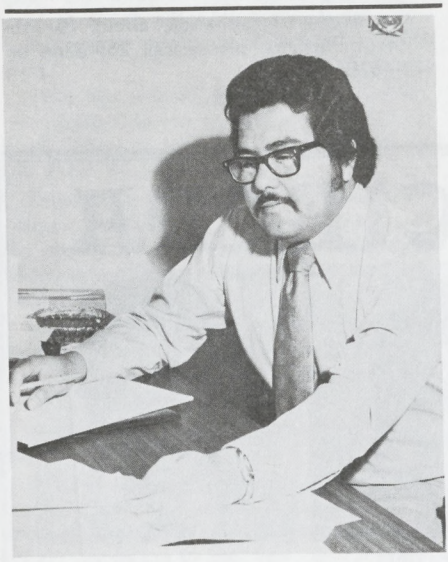
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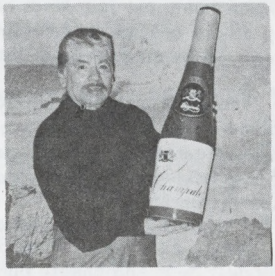


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The Big Burrito

by JERRY BURNS

The burrito — a fat morsel named for its resemblance to a small donkey — may be the next food craze to come out of an ethnic ghetto and win a permanent place in America's eating habits.

There is already growing evidence of national burrito boom. At least a dozen Mexican food places specializing in burritos have opened in the greater San Jose area recently.

If the boom grows, the burrito may soon join such traditional American favorites as chow mein, chicken soup, pizza and the frankfurter.

Already, according to restaurant owners, the burrito is running ahead of the taco as the favorite of their customers.

"We're selling more burritos than anything else," said Heriberto Penaranda, owner of Nito Burrito. "They're running five per cent ahead of tacos and getting more popular all the time."

Raul Duran, owner of Taqueria La Cumbre, added hat the burrito seems to have special appeal for his non-Latin customers.

"Gringos love them," he said. "They feel they're getting more for their money from a burrito than from a taco."

The trend away from tacos and toward burritos is nationwide, according to officials of the huge Taco Bell chain.

The latest report of sales at 300 Taco Bells across the nation showed burritos outselling tacos by about two per cent, said a spokesman at Taco Bell national headquarters in Irvine.

"Sales of tacos are decreasing and burritos are on the rise," said the official. "Between them, our four kinds of burritos make up 30 per cent of our sales and tacos 28 per cent. Tacos used to be in the 30s."

The burrito varies slightly from place to place but is basically an oversized flour tortilla smeared with sauce, packed with rice, beans and meat, then folded into a short, fat rectangle.

Prices also vary, from 39 cents for a modest bean-and-cheese burrito at Taco Bell to $1 or more for a meat-packed burrito at an independent taqueria.

Tacos are uniformly cheaper, but are also substantially smaller. A burrito is a full meal, while a taco merely whets the appetite.

Most gringo customers like their burritos made with beef, said Duran, but a growing number are trying such exotic fillings as hog stomachs and intestines. Other options usually offered include chicken, pork and tongue.

The usual taqueria — so named because they specialize in tacos and burritos — has a long serving counter, which ends at the cash register where the owner usually stands, and a few tables. Much of the business is take out.

"It's fast, inexpensive, good food," said Penaranda. "It's something new in many places, but I think you'll see more of them."

According to the local burrito-moguls, the tasty little rectangles are not known by that name in large parts of Mexico.

"They love burritos in border towns like Tijuana and Juarez, but they never heard of them in the rest of Mexico," said Mike Jara, although similar entrees are found with other labels.

None of the taqueria owners knows where the burrito was born, though they believe it was somewhere along the Mexico-Texas border.

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por Daniel G. Saldaña

LA PENA de MUERTE

Se ha abierto nuevamente la discusión sobre la pena de muerte. Esta medida, como todas, tiene quien la apoye y quien la rechase, también hay quienes la ven con indiferencia.

Los que piden que se establesca la pena de muerte, esgrimen argumentos para demostrar que la pena de muerte es la medida adecuada para combatir el crimen; hacen recordar, sin querer, lo que dice al refrán: "Muerto el Perro se acabó la rabia".

Las personas que estan en contra, también tienen sus buenas razones para rechazar la pena de muerte y aseguran que se ha aplicado la pena a muchos inocentes; también hacen recordar otro refrán que dice: "Ni son todos los que estan, ni estan todos los que son".

Los indiferentes al establecimiento o abolición de la pena de muerte, piensan que el arrancarle la vida a un criminal sirve de ejemplo para que los demás criminales corrijan su comportamiento. También piensan que si no se mata a un criminal, tal vez se regenere y pueda ser un miembro útil a la sociedad; para ellos el perdón o el castigo les es indiferente lo que se haga con un criminal. Su estribillo es: "Agua que no has de beber, déjala correr".

Las opiniones en favor o en contra, defienden aspasionadamente sus puntos de vista, los indiferentes no discuten con pasion y nomás observan.

Hay que conceder razón a los que piensan que al matar a un criminal no pude volver a delinquir. Pondremos por ejemplo a un asesino; una persona se puede convertir en asesino por muchas razones, entre ellas los celos, el amor, la envidia, el hambre, el miedo, la venganza, la ignorancia y otras muchas reales o imaginarias razones. Esta persona comete el crimen a sabiendas, en muchas ocasiones, de que tendrá que pagar con su propia vida; él mata en un momento de desesperación de ofuscamiento o de locura. El tribunal que lo juzga y lo sentencia a la pena de muerte, lo hace calmadamente, sin ninguna de las razones o presiones que el criminal tuvo para cometer su crimen. El tribunal está seguro que no lo van a enjuiciar por éste asesinato, autorizado por la sociedad, pero asesinato al fin. No tenemos por que escandalizarnos de los crimenes de la Santa Inquisición.

Los que piensan en la abolición de la pena de muerte, aseguran que es inhumano arrancarle la vida a una persona, por que desde el punto de vista religioso hay un mandamiento que dice: "No mataras" y desde el punto de vista de la sociedad organizada, no debe privarse de la existencia a ninguna persona como un acto de venganza.

Desde los albores de la humanidad se establecieron castigos para los malechores, esos castigos han sido de los más crueles e inhumanos que se pueda imaginar, la pena de muerte no es uno de los más temidos pero ni aún así se ha podido hacer que los crimenes disminuyan. Esto viene a afirmar lo que dijo el Santo de Asis: "En el hombre hay mala levadura".

La maldad en la especie humana no se cambiará en bondad aun cuando se levanten miles de cadalsos, esto queda afirmado cuando la justicia castiga un crimen con otro crimen. No se pueda asegurar que el crimen ya sea sesinato, robo, estupro o en cualquiera otra de sus formas, sea cometido por una de las clases sociales; entre ricos, pobres o de mediana situación social hay criminales. Tampoco el grado de cultura o educación puede distinguir a los criminales, por que entre ellos ha habido desde sabios o extremadamente inteligentes hasta ratrazados mentales.

La especie humana seguirá cometiendo crimenes, a pesar de todos los castigos que la misma especie pueda imaginar. ■

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Community Friends Volunteer Program

—by Lancaster
Community Friends Volunteer

I picture the inside of a mentally ill person's head as a special kind of landscape. There are few trees and flowers here, and there are many roads that lead to nowhere. When the sun does shine here, it is often blinding, painful. Maybe that is why the eyes of the mentally ill have a strange, far-away look: they are looking in at scenes and events and feelings that we can barely understand. Yet their interior landscape is no unlike ours: it is just different. I have to believe that something I have can reach them, touch them, help them exist in reality. For these reasons I became a volunteer in the Community Friends Program, a county program that uses all kinds of people — students, housewives, retired people, old and young, in being actual friends with people who are described as mentally ill.

These volunteers after an initial training are assigned to a client of their own, to relate to as a real friend. The goal in the program is to make a bridge, as I see it, between my world and theirs. Hopefully, the fact that I work, I play sometimes, I cry when I am sad, I curse a bad driver on the freeway — in short, that I live life, achieve and relate to people, will serve as a kind of model to people whose mental illness causes them to desperately fear people, to fear taking risks, to hear voices, to see visions. By being me, by giving something of myself, I help gently guide them back to reality. I took my client, out Christmas shopping the other day. Mike is 24, schizophrenic, on heavy medication, in and out of institutions, dependent, tired and thin. He stays inside his house all the time. He stares straight ahead, occasionally smiles as though somebody has just told a joke inside his head. Taking him to Macy's to shop means that he goes out with a friend, who will not criticize him if he goofs, will be with him to show him that the salespeople are not really threatening, will spend time with him and share the pleasure of looking at Christmas decorations together, at picking out a small present for his mother.

Larry, another Community Friend, sees a client, Jim, who confuses his dreams with reality. "He told me that he dreamed someone had ripped the toilet out in his bathroom, and the sink, and they were lying in he bathtub. When I visited him at his home, I went into the bathroom and there they were(really yanked out and thrown into the bathtub. To him, this reality was only in his mind. I pointed this out to him over a cup of coffee, trying to help him see the difference between realness and what's in your sleeping state.

"Sometimes we rap about girls. Jim wants to meet girls and to form relationships. Yet he often turns them off. I try not to solve his problems for him but to help him solve his own. Just talking, telling him something about ! ow I act with people, is a good way to give him ideas he can work with. It doesn't always work, but sometimes it does."

Just before Thanksgiving, Barbara, another of Larry's clients, took out a razor blade and slashed her right wrist. Then she called for help. "She didn't want to die. She wanted to escape the pressure of Thanksgiving, with all the relatives comparing her to their "well" children. Barbara had been in mental institutions since she was 15 years old. Sometimes she is vivacious, alert, sociable. Other times she withdraws. "I am helping her find a parttime job now. I want to help her develop her feeling of self-esteem. That razor incident didn't have to happen . . . and it took a lot out of both of us."

Larry smiles. "Last night Barbara came over and taught my wife and me how to make candles. It was just great. She was giving us something. I think that is one of the most valuable things I can do for a client: allow them to be useful, to feel needed. We shared a lot of joy and satisfaction in those candles."

Community Friends try not to do things for their clients. The goal is some measure of independence. I took my client Mike to the college bookstore near me. We shopped, we fantasized about our favorite books we enjoyed. A day later he caught the bus on his own and went back to buy a book. It was the first time he had made such an excursion so far from his home in maybe six

The Community Friends program needs volunteers from the Santa Clara County area to help Latinos who may have problems. Anyone who feels ill can call his local mental health facility or 286-5442 to be referred to the Community Friends Program. Anyone who is interested in reaching out to the mentally disturbed may call 292-6666 for further information.

Carol Lillibridge, coordinator of volunteers for Community Friends, says "Mentally ill people are often afraid to catch a bus, to shop for themselves, to use the welfare system if they need to. A Community Friend can help learn these things but a Friend shouldn't do it for them. Growth is what we are trying to achieve, not dependency."

I asked Larry what his hopes are for his relationship with Jim. We were having hamburgers at a Jack-in-the-Box and exchanging experiences. He unwrapped his second big hamburger and said, "I want to help him be self-reliant. I don't know if that's ever totally possible. But at least he may learn to do his own laundry. To meet a girl at a dance and know how to talk to her. Stuff that is easy for us is hard for him to do."

I pondered this a minute. It seemed to me that it's very human to have fears about being rejected at a dance — everyone has sweated this at one time or another. I guess part of being a Communiy Friend to a mentally disturbed person is simply sharing one's own humanity and sharing one's own small courages.

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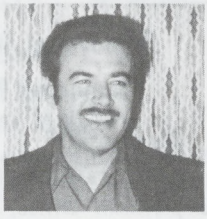
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Opinion by
Luis G. Juarez

Golddiggers Seek Funds For Veracruz Appearance

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The occasion is Carnival. The City of Veracruz boasts Mexico's most famous Mardi Gras. The visit will also be part of the sister-city affiliation recently established between San Jose and Veracruz.

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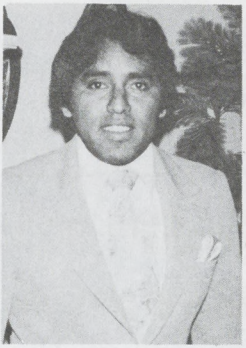
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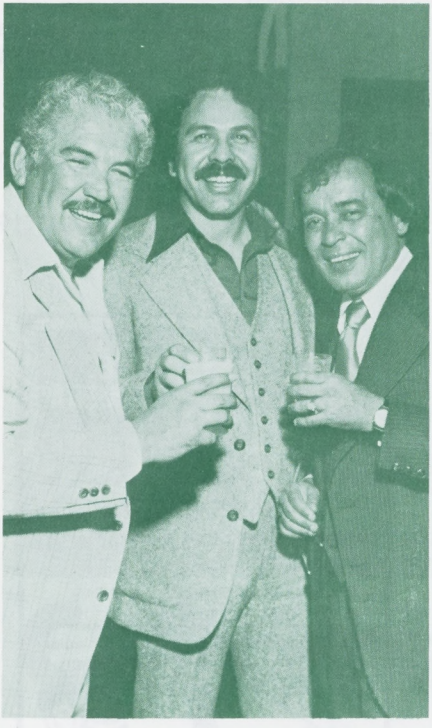
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Joyce and Cindy Beal are two lovely girls encountered at Hertz Rent-a-Car in Imperial, Calif. These are the two who personally put you in the driver's seat.





Enjoying a few drinks on New Year's Eve at the Holiday Inn were (left to right) Armando Yanez on the committee of festivities for Imperial Valley California Club, Rudy Moya of Giant Furniture here in San Jose, and Tommy Rodriquez "El Zopilote Mojado".



Art Walker of Famma Records, and Daniel Alonso Empresa Grande enjoying the sights and sounds at the Tropicana on Story and King Roads in San Jose.

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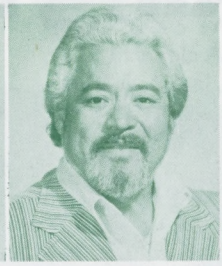
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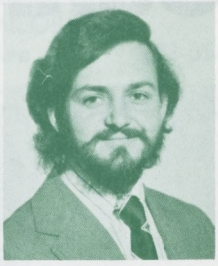
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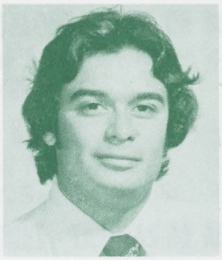
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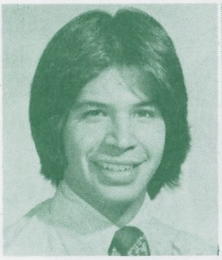
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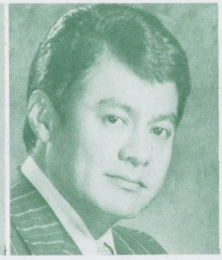
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